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## **SCHUMER, BISHOP ANNOUNCE FEDERAL STUDY TO PROTECT HASHAMOMUCK COVE**

*\$100,000 Army Corps of Engineers Study to Protect Southold*

**Southold, New York**—Senator Charles Schumer and Congressman Tim Bishop today announced that at their urging, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will soon begin a \$100,000 Reconnaissance Study to determine the federal role in protecting Hashamomuck Cove.

“This is great news for the communities near Hashamomuck Cove and those living along the North Shore of Long Island,” Schumer said. “This funding will kick-start a comprehensive effort to study erosion along Hashamomuck Cove and is a first step towards a plan to nourish beaches and protect homes. I look forward to working with the Army Corps to ensure this funding is put to work as soon as possible.”

“The erosion at Hashamomuck Cove not only threatens several homes, but important public infrastructure as well,” Bishop said. “I am pleased that the Army Corps of Engineers has taken the first step in the federal process to protect the cove. I have seen the situation firsthand, and the erosion is placing lives and property in grave danger.”

A Reconnaissance Study is the first step of an Army Corps of Engineers project. The Corps will determine if there is a federal interest in the project and if there is a non-federal entity willing to be its cost-sharing partner. Every Corps project must have a non-federal cost sharing partner, which can be any other government entity such as a town, county or state. If a cost-sharing partner is found, the study would then determine the scope of work for a proposed project.

The Corps was authorized to become involved in the effort to protect Hashamomuck Cove pursuant to a resolution which Congressman Bishop passed through the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in May, 2007. Bishop pushed for the resolution after visiting the threatened area and meeting with several homeowners.

Following years of constant hammering by winter storms, the small strip of land between Hashamomuck and County Road 48 (Sound Avenue) is disappearing at an alarming rate and threatening residents living along the water as well as access to the east end of Long Island.